



# LARC



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## 2011 AARA HAMFEST RESULTS

On behalf of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc., the club would like to extend our "THANKS" to all that made the trip over to our Hamfest on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th of March. Without your attendance and support to our vendors and swap tables, and just making "eyeball contacts" with those we talk to on the radio, this and other Hamfests would not exist.

I understand (not official) our attendance was par or even better than last year.

We also want to thank Roland Ledet K5EUO for putting together the Cajun Band along with the players. Also, thanks to the Rayne Lions Club for providing refreshments ( I think they sold out).



Winners of the Grand Prizes are:

- 1st** - Icom 7200 HF Transceiver  
was Don Strodtman NJ5X of  
Broussard, Louisiana
- 2nd** - Icom 208H 2 Meter Mobile  
was James Lyon N5UHN of  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- 3rd** - Yaesu FT-250R 2 Meter  
Handi-talki was Bud Azar  
N5AN of Lafayette, Louisiana

Fox Hunt winner:

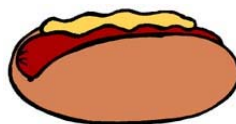
Joseph K. Comeaux, Jr. KI5EE of  
Lake Charles, Louisiana and his  
prize was a 100 raffle tickets. BTW,

the fox was on the flagpole attached to the flag.

## Piney Hills Amateur Radio Association Annual Hot Dog Social and Hamfest

Free hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cookies, cake, cinnamon rolls,  
donuts, soft drinks, tea and coffee  
April 30, 2011 Doors open at 8:00am

555 Pisgah Ch. Rd  
Bernice, LA 71222



## New President's First Message

Greetings from your new AARA Club President. I hope I can do a job as well as our past President and it will be possible with the help of our membership. I want to thank Irma Bookter KE5UPK for doing a wonderful job as our President last year and First Female President, don't you think she deserves a "BIG" applause?

First, let me say if you missed the March 19th General Meeting (our annual after the AARA Hamfest banquet), you missed some very good food and fellowship.

Second, new officers for the year 2011-2012 were installed and they are: President: Herman Campbell KN5GRK, Vice President: Archie Hill W5AG, Secretary: Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF, Treasurer: Joy Breaux N5YCS, Board Members: Irma Bookter KE5UPK, Nick Romero KE5MWX, Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, & Youth Member Abigail Wilson KF5BEW.

Third, a drawing by Abigail KF5BEW from the hopper that contained tickets from all the members that attended last year's meeting. The winner was Archie Hill W5AG and his prize was an Icom V-8 VHF Transceiver.

Also a report on the top check-ins on the AARA Monday Night Net for last year. There were 52 Mondays, and 49 nets called (three nets were not called). Top score Herman KN5GRK had 47 out of 49, second place was a tie between Greg K5LFT and Calvin KD5JCT who had 45 out of 49, third place went to John W4JHC  
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**DATES TO REMEMBER****REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM  
 Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.  
 Scott, LA  
 VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

**HAMFEST SCHEDULE**

Northeast Louisiana Regional  
 Ham RadioFest  
 April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

**Local 2-Meter Nets****Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM  
 146.820 Lafayette, LA

**Monday**

AARA Net 7:00 PM  
 146.820 Lafayette, LA

**Tuesday**

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM  
 145.370 - 600 PL 103.5

**Friday**

HEAL Net 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays Only 1:00 PM  
 146.820 Lafayette, LA

**AARA OFFICERS 2011-2012**

**President - Herman Campbell**  
**KN5GRK**

kn5grk@lusfiber.net

**Vice Pres. - Archie Hill W5AG**

**Secretary - Sandy Leblanc KE5KJF**

**Treasurer - Joy Breaux N5YCS**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**Irma Bookter - KE5UPK**

**Glen Thibodeaux - KF5FNP**

**Nick Romero - KE5MWX**

**Abigail Wilson - KF5BEW**

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 each month at 7:00 p.m. at the  
 American Red Cross Building  
 101 North Pat Street Scott, LA

**February, 2011 VE Test Results**

Dane L. DeValcourt W5DLD of Lafayette, LA upgraded to General.

Earl S. Rohner of Lafayette, LA received the Technician call KF5JVB.

Jeremy D. Guillory of Lafayette, LA received the Technician call KF5JUZ.

Louis A. Courville of New Iberia, LA received the Technician call KF5JVD.

Patrick A. Dellinger of Lafayette, LA received the Technician call KF5JVC.

Chase M. Savoy of Church Point, LA received the Technician call KF5JVA.

George D. Donaldson KF5JLC upgraded to Extra.

The VE's for this session were:

Danny Griffith K5ARH, Greg Dolan K5LFT, Mitch Romero KB5TWL, John Cuniff W4JHC, Rick Breaux N5RLM, Archie Hill W5AG.

**ARES NET INFO**

As those who participate in the Louisiana ARES Net every Sunday evening know, we have been experimenting with alternate frequencies for the net in order to establish a frequency unique to the Louisiana Section for a fixed Louisiana Emergency Frequency. The alternate frequencies that we tried have all presented problems in one form or another. As a result, beginning on 3/6/11, we will return to 3873 KHz on or about 7:30 PM local at the conclusion of the Texas Traffic Net. This is the original LAN frequency. We will, however, maintain 3910 KHz as the LOUISIANA EMERGENCY 80M PHONE FREQUENCY. In the event of a Section wide emergency, the Louisiana Section will maintain an independent emergency tactical net on 3910 KHz as the morning, evening and night frequency. Liaisons to other nets will be established. The Louisiana Section Emergency Plan will be revised to reflect this change.

**Presidents Message**

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with 41 out of 49. Winner will receive a ARRL Radio Amateur Handbook. We need to decide if we want to continue doing the membership attendance drawing and the AARA Monday Night top check-in for the upcoming year at the April meeting.

Roland Guidry NA5Q our Hamfest Chairperson did not make it to the meeting but he did forward a report to Joy Breaux which was read at the meeting. This year the figures were very good, attendance was up, all the swap tables sold, crawfish sales up slightly and were especially good this year. Bingo game made money this year. Icom dealer sold all his stock and will definitely be back next year. WX for Friday and Saturday was extremely nice, considering the tornado a week before near the hamfest site. Our thanks go out to all that made this, our biggest event of the year, possible by attending and supporting our club. We hope to see you next year. Next year it will be on March 10 & 11, 2012.

Business at the April meeting will be the Emergency Operation Trailer decision that has been on hold for the last few months. The EOT is still available. I mailed out a e-mail to our club members with pictures and a description of what will take place at the meeting. If you have anything to say about the decision, be prepared to bring it up at the meeting. We need to get this matter off the books before it is too late.

The next BIG event of the year for the club will be our annual Field Day which will be held the last full weekend in June. Chairperson for this event is Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP. He has already started making plans and he would like to see that you are part of the plans.

See you at the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
 Herman Campbell KN5GRK  
 AARA President

## March 2011 AARA MEETING MINUTES (edited)

### CLUB MEETING:

- The meeting was opened by the President Irma, KE5UPK.
- The opening prayer was by President Elect Herman, KN5GRK.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
- There were 27 members and several guests in attendance.

### Minutes:

The February Minutes were not read, due to being posted in the March LARC Newsletter.

Outgoing President, Irma, KE5UPK, asked everyone to give their name and call sign and if anything interesting happened last month.

### Financial Report:

The Financial Report was not read. Copies of the March treasurer's report may be obtained by members from Joy Breaux, N5YCS, at: n5ycs@w5ddl.org

### Old Business:

Irma, KE5UPK, postponed any action on AMOS or the Emergency Trailer until the April 7th meeting.

### New Business:

Irma, KE5UPK, introduced the new Officers:

President - Herman Campbell, KN5GRK  
 V. President - Archie Hill, W5AG  
 Secretary - Sandy Leblanc, KE5KJF  
 Treasurer - Joy Breaux, N5YCS

Board Members:

Irma Bookter - KE5UPK  
 Glen Thibodeaux - KF5FNP  
 Nick Romero - KE5MWX  
 Abbi Wilson - KF5BEW, Youth member at large

Irma, KE5UPK, Outgoing President, handed the gavel to Incoming President, Herman Campbell, KN5GRK.

Herman, KN5GRK, won the ARRL Amateur Radio Handbook for checking in on 47 of 49 AARA Monday Night Nets. (Did not take possession of the book at the meeting.)

Each year club members attending the AARA General Meeting receives one ticket for a drawing at the Annual Hamfest Banquet. Abigail Wilson, KF5BEW, had the honor of drawing Archie Hill, W5AG, as the winner of the Icom V-8 VHF handi-talkie.

Other winners for door prizes were:

\$50.00 gift certificate from the ARRL went to Mark Salzman, KF5ENE.

ARRL Wire Antenna Classics went to Linda Breaux, KE5HSY.

CD of pictures taken at the Hamfest went to Paul Scallan, Sr., K5VSH. The pictures were taken by Greg Dolan, K5LFT, Mack Redmond, KA5JLN, and Jack Winn, KE5LAY.

Herman, KN5GRK, adjourned the meeting for us to enjoy the banquet.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy LeBlanc  
 KE5KJF



## March 16, 2011 VE Test Results

Wade Falcon of Lafayette, LA received the Technician call KF5KEZ.

Cy J Brown of Duson, LA received the Technician call KF5KFA.

The VE's for this session were:

Danny Griffith K5ARH, Greg Dolan K5LFT, JC Bienvenue WO5G, Nick Pugh K5QXJ

## Hamfest VE Test Results

William R. Yordy K5WRY of Baton Rouge, LA upgraded to General.

Brian W. Yordy KA5UNL of Baton Rouge, LA upgraded to General.

Jerome G. Labat KD5GUQ of Hammond, LA upgraded to General.

Richard M. Wallace of Henderson, LA passed the Technician and General portions and received the call KF5KEL.

Joan A. Buckley KF5FWS of Saint Amant, LA upgraded to General.

Jack E. Patterson N5KDV of Nathez, MS upgraded to Extra.

Louis M. Corne KF5EIT of Lafayette, LA upgraded to Extra.

The VE's for this session were:

Danny Griffith K5ARH, Greg Dolan K5LFT, Mitch Romero KB5TWL, & Ray Arceneaux N5LRZ.

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Danny Griffith K5ARH.

## SSTV "Sightings"

The "EasyPal" group has been sending out some digital SSTV pictures in the evenings when the sun goes down. You can catch their transmissions on 3.713 MHz

Ray N5LRZ



**Saturday  
April 23, 2011**

## **Northeast Louisiana Regional Ham Radio-Fest**

## **CRESCENT CITY CLASSIC ROAD RACE**

The C.C.A.R.G. Crescent City Amateur Radio Group is looking for volunteers to assist in communications for the 2011 Crescent City Classic Road Race. The race is scheduled for Saturday morning April 23rd, 2011 (In New Orleans). This event, is one of the largest public service events in the greater New Orleans area. Last year they had over 22,000 runners in the race. Immediately after the race there is a concert and festival. Our responsibilities as Ham Radio Operators are to start each clock at each mile marker at the same time the signal is given over the radio and to observe and report any problems on the race course or with the runners to net control. Volunteers will receive a FREE T- Shirt and a Blue Polo Shirt that says Emergency Communications Amateur Radio Operator. If anyone is interested in participating please contact Joe at Joen5ozg@cox.net or call him at 504-288-7084. From Joe N5OZG

## **HR-607 Bill INFO 420-440 Mhz**

Richard Haltermon, KD4PYR, has created a website that makes it very easy to develop a letter for your Congressional representative regarding HR-607 (the bill that would sell off 420-440 MHz).

This is as easy as it gets folks! Just enter your callsign and it does the rest.

Bill Morine, N2COP, writes:  
"...we used Jim Weaver's software <http://www.kd4pyr.net/hamletter.htm> to generate HR607 letters this past weekend at the Charlotte Hamfest, and it worked wonderfully."

Paste this link into your browser:  
<http://www.kd4pyr.net/hamletter.htm>

Send then to:

John Chwat  
Chwat & Co.  
625 Slaters Lane  
Suite 103  
Alexandria, VA 22314

## **April 2011 Special Events & Contests**

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|------------------------|---|
| <b>Apr. 1 thru 15</b>  | <b>6th Annual OzarkCon QRP Forum</b> - Branson, MO  |
| <b>Apr. 2</b>          | <b>K5DAK</b> - Pine Bluff ARC Railroadiana—Commemorating the 819 Steam Locomotive. Pine Bluff, AR.          |
| <b>Apr. 11 thru 16</b> | <b>RMS Titanic Special 99th Anniversary Event</b> — Titanic historical society, Indian Orchard, MA          |
| <b>Apr. 16</b>         | <b>Celebrating the 173<sup>rd</sup> birthday of John Muir, Father of the National Parks Service, WB6MVT</b> |
| <b>Apr. 21</b>         | <b>Arizona Dept. of Public Safety fundraiser for Special Olympics - K7DPS</b> - Phoenix, AZ                 |
| <b>Apr. 23</b>         | <b>Only International Boundary Marker within the United States - WA5PC.</b> Gary, TX.                       |

You can find more listings of Contests and Special Event Stations in the April 2011 issue of QST.



## **2011 BIRTHDAYS**

4/01	MARK	KF5ENE
4/06	ARNOLD	KE5JXC
4/08	GALEN	KF5BET
4/10	BILL	N9QO
4/12	BERT	W5ZR
4/13	JAMES	KD5IGG
4/18	ALBERT	KF5WP
4/21	ABBIGAIL	KF5BEW
5/06	JOHN	W4JHC

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

## **International Space Station News**

Look at what happened from 1998 until 2008. In just ten years it has grown and grown. Watch the pieces come together as they are sent up from Earth. This is the International Space Station (ISS) Assembly diagram, piece by piece. Click Here [http://i.usatoday.net/tech/graphics/iss\\_timeline/flash.htm](http://i.usatoday.net/tech/graphics/iss_timeline/flash.htm)

## **Club Newsletter & E-Mail Update**

If you have not paid your club dues, your e-mail address will be moved to the non-members folder. Those members without internet connections that have not paid their dues will discontinue getting a hard copy of the LARC. Persons holding a ARRL position, ie. Delta Division Director, LA Section Manager, LA Section EC, LA PIO, ARRL Headquarters, etc. will continue to receive their copies.

Herman Campbell KN5GRK

### March 2011 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	31	0	87	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	48	0	103	KF5ENE Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	21	0	44	N5LRZ Ray
HEAL Net      *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	* 6M / 7G	0	19	KE5JKD Larry

The joyful news that He is risen does not change the contemporary world. Still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice. But the fact of Easter gives us the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline, and make the sacrifice.

**Henry Knox Sherrill**

### USS YORKTOWN (CV-10) (14 MAY 1200Z - 15 MAY 0400Z)

On May 14, 2011 the call sign **NWKJ** will be heard on the airwaves for the first time in forty one years. Yorktown will be activated by South Carolina Navy Marine Corp MARS members as well as operators from other states in Region Four for the annual military cross band test. Yorktown has been the site for WA4USN on the amateur bands under the auspices of the Charleston Amateur Radio Society; however this will be the first use of Yorktown's military call since its decommissioning. It required that Yorktown be relisted in ACP 113 to allow the use of the "Fighting lady's" military call on military frequencies.

The amateur frequencies being listened to will be announced by the operators on the frequencies listed below. QSL cards will be sent to all contacts.

Yorktown will be operating on the following frequencies:

**4010.0 KHZ LSB 80M, 7348.0 KHZ LSB 40M, 14478.5 KHZ USB 20M  
20994.0 KHZ USB 15M**

**POC: Fred Hambrecht NNN0GBS  
ADDRESS: 129 Indian Trace Court  
Gilbert, SC 29054  
COMMERCIAL: 803-657-3602**

The USS Yorktown (CV-10) was the tenth aircraft carrier to serve in the United States Navy. Under construction as Bon Homme Richard, this new Essex-class carrier was renamed Yorktown in honor of Yorktown (CV-5), sunk at the epic Battle of Midway (June 1942). Built in an amazing 16 ½ months at Newport News, Virginia, Yorktown was commissioned on April 15, 1943. Yorktown participated significantly in the Pacific Offensive that began in late 1943 and ended with the defeat of Japan in 1945. Yorktown received the Presidential Unit Citation and earned 11 battle stars for service in World War II. Much of the Academy Award-winning (1944) documentary "The Fighting Lady" was filmed aboard Yorktown.

In the 1950's, Yorktown was modified with the addition of and angled deck to better operate jet aircraft in her role as an attack carrier (CVA). In 1958, Yorktown was designated an anti-submarine aircraft carrier (CVS), and would later earn 5 battle stars for service off Vietnam (1965-1968). The ship also recovered the Apollo 8 astronauts and capsule (December 1968). Yorktown was decommissioned in 1970 and placed in reserve. 1975, Yorktown was towed from Bayonne, NJ to Charleston to become the centerpiece of Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum.

### Local Hams Help Out

During our recent AARA Hamfest in Rayne, Louisiana, a "kitty" was set up at the Hamfest entrance for donations to the American Red Cross to go to the tornado victims that hit the City of Rayne one week earlier, causing loss of life and property. A little over \$80 was collected. The AARA donated enough to make it a even \$100. Annually, the AARA donates \$100 to the Red Cross and other charities as part of our goodwill policy. A check for the amount of \$200 is presented to Tony Credeur (right), Director of the Lafayette Red Cross, from Herman Campbell KN5GRK, AARA President.



### April General Meeting

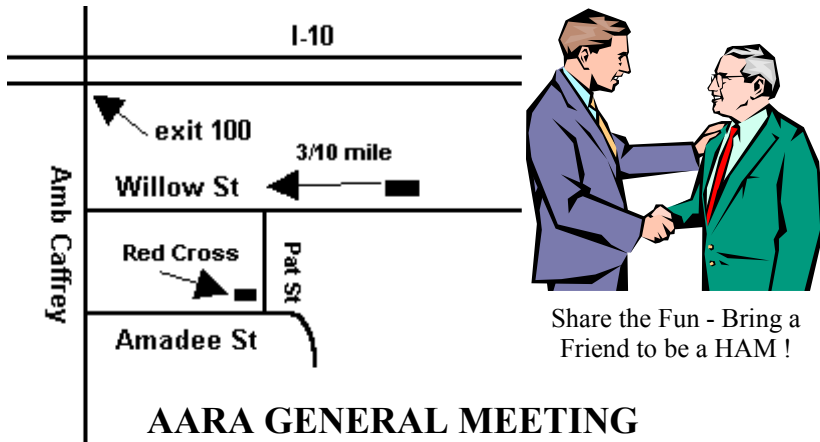
The April AARA General Meeting will take place on **Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat Street, Scott, LA.

VE testing will be at 6:00 PM for those wanting to test.

**Feel free to Bring some Door Prizes!**

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Website: <http://www.w5ddl.org>



## **AARA GENERAL MEETING**

**April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - 7:00 PM**

**VE Testing @ 6:00 PM**

**Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA**

**Lunch Bunch**

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY  
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## **Jalapeno Bites**

(food.com)

- |   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 1 8 oz package cream cheese ,<br>softened | 2 Large egg yolks      |
| 8 ounces grated parmesan cheese           | 2 Cups dry breadcrumbs |
| 3 tablespoons chopped jalapeno<br>peppers |                        |

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Combine the cream cheese, Parmesan, jalapeno peppers and egg yolks in a bowl and mix to form a paste.

Shape a 1/2 tablespoonful at a time into 1/4-inch rounds and roll in the breadcrumbs.

Place on an ungreased baking sheet and Bake for 10-15 minutes or until golden Brown.

Serve warm.

Send your favorite recipes to:  
Galen KF5BET  
[galenw@cox.net](mailto:galenw@cox.net)



## **FCC Information Service**

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

**[ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov)**.

FCC Website:

**<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>**

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

**<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>**

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245